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**RE: Media Consolidation** 

**Dear Commission Members:** 

I am hearing in the media that the Commission is considering once again a plan which would allow large media conglomerates to purchase and control more media outlets in communities nationwide.

I am strongly opposed to any such action and would ask that you defeat such a proposal. I wrote my congressional representatives in September 2003 and asked that they support legislation which would roll back your media consolidation rules at that time. I am surprised that another effort to allow consolidation is back on the table. I might also note that I wrote the Commission and my congressional delegation on October 31, 2006 asking at that time that this proposal be killed. Why does it keep coming back to life????

America needs more local ownership of the media and less national. Our democracy is dependent on the flow of information to the American people from a variety of sources. The consolidation of information delivery sources in the hands of a few large corporations is dangerous to our democracy.

I am asking both you and my congressional representatives to not allow the adoption of any rules permitting further media consolidation. Rather, you should be encouraging local ownership and local news on the radio and television and in newspapers.

Sincerely,

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Gentlemen:

I am a well educated senior who is concerned with how our government is being run. I am also a historian who has some knowledge of what has gone on in the past.

First, I want to say that I am disgusted with this commission over the incident that took place some years ago. We had over-the-air interference that disrupted our television viewing. When I wrote to this commission, I was told that you were not interested in helping me and told me that I would have to find the source. Then and there I knew that this agency did not care anymore about the public.

A number of years later I watched as the "do nothing for the public" Congress passed the 1996 Telecommunications Act which allowed a few big and powerful interests (7 corporations) to buy up newspapers, television stations, and radio stations. On top of this, Congress and this agency allowed foreigners (I would call them illegal aliens) to take control of parts of the media. One person comes to mind is Rupert Murdoch who is not an American citizen and should not own American radio, TV, or newspapers!

Now a member of this commission, Kevin J. Martin and others on this panel wants to further consolidate the media in a few hands by December. In the 1930's when the Nazis wanted to quiet opposition to their policies in Germany, they quickly shut down the radio stations and newspapers that opposed them, leaving only those outlets who sympathized with them. When General Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan recently felt that his power was being threatened, he quickly shut down the news media that was critical of him.

By these continued slick FCC policies of consolidating the media in a few hands, and destroying the guidelines for which companies are accountable to the people through this media, this commission is trying to accomplish the same techniques as the dictators!!!

Why do any of the members of this commission think that turning over our media to a few powerful corporations (and foreigners) will benefit the people, minorities, or the local communities.?

I will be sending this letter to a number of congressmen as well as the White House to find if there are any real Americans left or is everyone bought and paid for by money.

Sincerely,

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Re: Media ownership rules

I am opposed to any changes in media ownership rules which would remove the ban on a company owning a television station and a newspaper in the same city.

The FCC should keep the rules that ensure an independent and diverse press and media. This will best serve our democracy.

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